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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroki TAKAOKA, et al.

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For: ESTIMATED PRICE PROVIDING APPARATUS, ESTIMATED PRICE PROVIDING SYSTEM, ESTIMATED PRICE PROVIDING METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.